

Wright City Elementary

Located in Wright City, Missouri, Wright City Elementary provides a quality education for its 566 students, preschool through fourth grade. Wright City Elementary has been a part of the Wright City R-II School District since 1962 when rural school reconsolidation occurred. The current elementary location at 100 Wildcat Drive was dedicated in 1989. As our rural community expands due to the continued movement of population from more urban areas we look forward to the opening of a second elementary to be located on Cotton Road.

Wright City Elementary holds firm to its vision for excellence in academics by having high expectations for all learners through a safe and supportive environment, curriculum based on the Missouri Grade Level Expectations and show Me Standards, research-based instructional practices, and the use of data to drive instruction. Structured as a Professional Learning Community (PLC) our elementary staff keeps these questions at the forefront at all times...

What do we expect our students to learn?

How will we know what students have learned?

How will we respond to students who do not learn?

Through PLC we have moved into a collaborative teaming focused not just on teaching, but on assuring that our students are learning.

Technology in our classrooms provides our students with resources not available just a few years ago. Each of our classrooms, kindergarten through fourth grade, is equipped with an interactive SMART board and projector. This provides access to a multitude of learning tools via the internet. All students participate in a weekly computer class and have additional opportunities to use computers throughout the day. Our fourth grade classrooms are all eMINTS rooms (one computer for every two children) where inquiry-based learning is facilitated by the classroom teachers. Technology has allowed our elementary to provide additional help for students struggling in reading and mathematics through before and after school computer-based tutoring.

Our district-wide academic focus continues to be centered on literacy development, both in reading and writing. At the elementary we have fully implemented comprehensive literacy, a program which teaches every child both at their grade level and at the level on which they are reading. Our students' writing development continues to improve as support through structures such as writer's workshop and power writing are implemented.

While the continual improvement of academic achievement is at the center of our elementary, we also realize that students need other support mechanisms. At Wright City Elementary we have committed responsibility, positive attitude, honesty, self-discipline, and positive work ethic. This year we have reached out to others as we collected items to send abroad to our soldiers, filled baskets for hospitalized children, and participated in the St. Jude's Math-a-Thon for the seventh year. We also have a mentoring program for at-risk students. This program matches volunteer staff members with individual students for the purpose of making a positive difference in our students' lives.

All of this, and so much more – our students, staff, parents, and community – make Wright City Elementary a great place to grow and learn.

